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Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 903 and 904 provide the County the legal authority and mechanism to determine and recover certain costs for juveniles detained in Probation's camps and halls. A temporary moratorium has been imposed on all collections efforts in order to conduct a review of the policies and procedures to ensure that said policies and procedures are appropriate, reasonable, and in accordance with the governing statutes. Every effort should also be made to ensure that said policies and procedures are considered from a fiscal standpoint and incorporate sound collections efforts that are cost effective.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Probation Officer and the Chief Executive Officer to report back in 90 days as follows:

1. Immediately form a Juvenile Reimbursement Working Group comprised of the Juvenile Court and appropriate County Departments, including the County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Department of Health Services, Child Support Services Department, Department of Public Social Services, and Department of Children and Family Services; and,
2. The Juvenile Reimbursement Working Group shall:
  - a. Conduct a comprehensive review of the current policies and procedures guiding Probation's Juvenile Reimbursement Unit and develop recommendations that will ensure that said policies and procedures are appropriate, reasonable and fiscally prudent, including but not limited to, the feasibility of contracting out all or some aspects of this program;
  - b. Share the recommendations and consult with the various advocacy groups, such as the Human Rights Watch and others that have brought concerns to the attention of the Chief Probation Officer prior to reporting back to this Board in 90 days.

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